(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where the aid violence/riots have taken place and the steps taken by Government to stop them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per available information barring a few sporadic incidents that occurred on 17.2.2006 in the old city of Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, no communal riots have taken place in the country on account of the Prophet Mohammad cartoon issue. However, Muslims organizations had organized demonstrations across the country to register their protest by taking out rallies, organizing meetings, staging dharnas, burning of the Danish National Flag etc.

According to the report received from the Andhra Pradesh Government, a few sporadic incidents occurred on 17.2.2006 in the old city of Hyderabad where some Muslim groups organized protest programmes during which incidents of stone-pelting on shops, Hindu temple, RTC buses, private vehicles and the houses of Hindus and retaliatory stone-pelting by Hindus at a few places were reported. In these incidents seven RTC buses, two cars, three two-wheelers, one shop, three houses and an ATM Centre were damaged and one Police Constable and three civilians sustained injuries. Police resorted to use of mild force, tear gassing, deployment of police forces, Rapid Action Force etc. and other riot prevention measures to bring the situation under control. About 287 persons were taken into preventive custody in this connection.

The Union Government has issued an advisory to all the State Governments and Union Territories to carefully monitor the situation and make adequate police arrangements to ensure that no advantage is taken by vested interests to exploit the situation or to incite the public/communities and cause communal tension, disturbances or any form of violence.

Use of Hi-Fi technique in violent activities

†1706. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have been successful of late in

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

carrying out violent activities by using high fidelity (hi-fi) technique in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to strengthen armed forces to tackle this situation; and

(d) if so, the annual expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per available inputs, instances have come to notice to indicate that terrorists have been resorting to use of Radio Frequency Initiated Improvised Explosive devices for causing casualties on security forces. Suitable corrective steps have been initiated to tackle such techniques by terrorists.

Persons Imprisoned without trials

1707. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons continue to be in custody for long years without any case or trial against them; if so, the number of such persons in custody in different States/UTs, for over three years; and

(b) whether a man has been set free from custody in Assam after 54 years of custody on January 9, 2006 with the intervention of the Supreme Court and granted relief of Rs. 3 lakhs besides pension of Rs. 1000/- per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Broadly, there are two categories of prisoners in jails *viz.* The convicted prisoners and the undertrial prisoners. The undertrial prisoners include all such prisoners who are remanded to judicial custody under orders of a competent Court pending investigation as well as those in whose cases the trial has begun. 'Prisons' being a State subject, the segregated figures of different categories of prisoners are maintained by the respective State Governments and are not available